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Indiana Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

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Individual Interpreters Encouraged to Apply for New Contract System

DHHS and Vocational Rehabilitation Services are making a joint effort to improve interpreting services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Hoosiers. We are working together to create a new contracting system for all of DHHS interpreting services and Vocational Rehabilitation non-client related services. This contract system will not include interpreting services for Vocational Rehabilitation clients at this time—only interpreting for Vocational Rehabilitation staff members and those persons who are yet to be classified as VR clients.

We have established a new schedule of payment and policies which will replace current payment rates and policies for DHHS and Vocational Rehabilitation Services. The following is the new schedule:

• Provisional Certification	\$25.00 per hour
• Grandfathered Certification	\$25.00 per hour
• Nationally Certified with NAD IV or with RID CI or CT or IC/TC or any other single RID certificate not defined.	\$35.00 per hour
• Specialized Interpretation—ASL (CDI)	\$35.00 per hour
• Nationally Certified with NAD V or RID CI and CT or CSC.	\$40.00 per hour.
• Nationally Certified with NAD V or RID CI and CT or CSC, With proof of certification for 15 or more years	\$45.00 per hour

Approved Interpreter:

An approved interpreter is one who holds a valid Indiana Interpreter Certificate with Indiana Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. This excludes interpreters holding the Educational Interpreter Certificate.

Definition of payment for other matters:

Travel Time — DDARS will pay for travel time at the rate which the interpreter qualifies, to and from the assignment if the assignment is more than 50 miles from the interpreter's residence. Travel time for no more than one round-trip to and from the interpreter's home will be paid per day.

Two-hour minimum — DDARS will pay a two-hour minimum for interpreting services. If the interpreter also qualifies for the payment of travel time, the two-hour minimum will include any travel time to and from the assignment. The two-hour minimum will only be paid once per day. If an interpreter has a single assignment with multiple clients, or multiple assignments with multiple clients for the state in a day, no more than one two-hour minimum can be claimed during that day. All other time must be billed for interpreting time worked.

Mileage — DDARS will pay for mileage to and from the assignment at the current state rate if the assignment is more than 20 miles from the interpreter's residence.

We would like all IIC holders who wish to apply for a contract with DDARS to provide interpreting services to do so by April 19, 2004. Interpreting through a contracted agency will still be an option, if the agency is on contract with DDARS. If interested in applying for an individual contract with DDARS, please contact DHHS at (317) 232-1143 or 1-800-962-8408 or email dmtinsley@fssa.state.in.us or rmarcum@fssa.state.in.us ASAP!

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